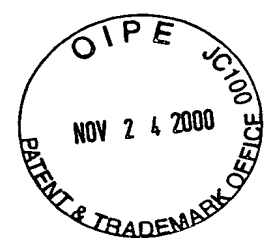


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Each of the documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 have been cited in an International-Type Search Report or in the specification. A copy of the Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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